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NEWS ITEMS

Professor Ludwig Loczy has been commissioned by the Royal Hungarian Natural History Association to devise a plan for an extensive botanical survey of Hungary.

Dr. William A. Murrill, first assistant of the staff of the New York Botanical Garden, sailed for Naples on May 29. He carried with him numerous specimens of American fungi for comparison with types in European herbaria. He expects to return to New York about the middle of August.

Mr. Edward W. Berry, of the Geological Survey of Maryland, has been appointed assistant in palaeontology in Johns Hopkins University. He will spend six weeks this summer in field work in North Carolina under a special commission from the United States Geological Survey in coöperation with the Geological Survey of North Carolina.

Mr. W. J. Morse, assistant professor of bacteriology in the University of Vermont, has been appointed botanist of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station at Orono, and will begin his new duties on July 1. Professor Morse's work at the University of Vermont will be divided between Mr. H. A. Edson, instructor in botany and bacteriology, and Mr. N. J. Giddings, botanical assistant in the experiment station.

At the one hundred and fifty-second commencement of Columbia University, held on June 13, the degree of doctor of philosophy was conferred upon four candidates in botany, the recipients and the subjects of their theses being as follows: Howard James Banker, "A Contribution to a Revision of the North American Hydnaceae"; Ira Detrich Cardiff, "A Study of Synapsis and Reduction"; Henry Allan Gleason, "A Revision of the North American Vernoniaeae"; Charles Budd Robinson, "The Chareae of North America."

The twelfth annual field meeting of the Vermont Botanical Club will be held on Mt. Mansfield July 4 and 5. The flora of this mountain, the highest of the state, is of special and well-

known interest, and a cordial invitation is extended to botanists of neighboring states to be present and assist in making the excursion a memorable one. Those planning to attend may obtain information as to details of the meeting by addressing Professor L. R. Jones, Secretary Vermont Botanical Club, Burlington, Vermont.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold a summer meeting at Ithaca, N. Y., June 28 to July 3, 1906. The meetings of Section G, Botany, will be principally for field work. On Friday, June 29, there will an excursion to Fall Creek and the Ithaca Marshes, led by Dr. K. M. Wiegand; on Saturday, June 30, an excursion to the ponds and bogs of South Cortland, led by Dr. Wiegand, Dr. Durand, and Professor Atkinson; on Monday, July 2, an excursion to Enfield Gorge, led by Dr. E. J. Durand; on Tuesday, July 3, if desired, an excursion to the moors at Junius. The American Fern Society and the Society for Horticultural Science will meet in affiliation with Section G.

As already announced in the May number of *TORREYA*, the third annual field "Symposium" in which the Philadelphia Botanical Club, the Washington Botanical Club, and the Torrey Botanical Club will coöperate, will be held at Mountain Lodge, Little Moose Lake, Old Forge, N. Y., from July 2 to July 9. Through the courtesy of the Adirondack League Club, the privilege of occupying its club house for one week is extended to members of the Symposium. Little Moose Lake is in the midst of the interesting Adirondack flora and a highly profitable outing is anticipated. Tickets should be bought to Fulton Chain Station on the Adirondack Division of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. Single fare from New York City, \$6.46. Board, \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day. Stages will meet the party at Fulton Chain Station. All who expect to attend are requested to notify Mr. Joseph Crawford, 2824 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.